DOCUMENT RESUME

ED 434 624 HE 032 402

AUTHOR	Shapiro, Nancy S.; Levine, Jodi H.
TITLE	Creating Learning Communities: A Practical Guide to Winning Support, Organizing for Change, and Implementing Programs. Jossey-Bass Higher and Adult Education Series.
ISBN	ISBN-0-7879-4462-9
PUB DATE	1999-00-00
NOTE	209p.
AVAILABLE FROM	Jossey-Bass Inc., Publishers, 350 Sansome St., San Francisco, CA 94104 ($29.95). Tel: 888-378-2537 (Toll Free).
PUB TYPE	Guides - Non-Classroom (055)
EDRS PRICE	Document Not Available from EDRS.
DESCRIPTORS	*College Environment; Guidelines; Higher Education; Learning Processes; Program Development; Teaching Models; *Theory Practice Relationship
IDENTIFIERS	*Learning Communities

ABSTRACT

This book offers guidance for the development of learning communities at the college level. The book analyzes examples of learning communities at a wide variety of institutions, including research universities, commuter campuses, residential campuses, and four- and two-year institutions. Chapter 1 offers definitions and characteristics of learning communities and reviews research studies and policy reports supporting such environments. Chapter 2 discusses the historical influences, contemporary settings, and models of learning communities. Chapter 3 is the first of three chapters describing the types of transformative change necessary for learning communities to take root and flourish. It focuses on learning communities and the change process. The following chapter addresses learning communities and curriculum, while chapter 5 focuses on faculty roles and reward structures. Administrative partnerships necessary for effective learning communities are explained in chapter 6; this is followed by a discussion of the logistics of establishing learning communities in chapter 7. Chapters 8 and 9 address evaluation and assessment of learning communities. Chapter 10 offers some advice and reflections based on the authors' experiences as directors of learning communities at the University of Maryland and Temple University (Pennsylvania). (Contains approximately 110 references.) (DB)

****
* Reproductions supplied by EDRS are the best that can be made *
* from the original document. *
****